

Public School No. 2  
(City of Paterson Board of Health)  
Mill and Passaic Streets, east corner  
Paterson  
Passaic County  
New Jersey

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE<br>New Jersey  | COUNTY<br>Passaic  | TOWN OR VICINITY<br>Paterson |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)<br>Public School No. 2  |  | HABS NO.<br>NJ-927           |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE<br>City of Paterson Board of Health   |  |                              |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)<br>Mill and Passaic Streets, east corner  |  |                              |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>1871  | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)<br>Architect: E.J.M. Derrick<br>Builder: John P. Post and Sons |                              |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)<br>The original wing of the school is a fine example of Victorian Gothic architecture. The school is also significant because it was one of two elementary schools that served the immigrant Irish, German and Scotch population of Paterson's Dublin area during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The structure was converted for use as the city's board of health during the early twentieth century. |  |                              |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)<br>Original wing - Victorian Gothic; south side addition - neoclassical   |  |                              |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)<br>Brick exterior walls; slate roof on original wing   |  |                              |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)<br>See sketch plan   |  |                              |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE<br>Original wing has arched entranceway and windows, brick belt courses, corbelled brick chimney, mansard roof, remains of an ornate iron fence. South addition has granite courses alternating with brick courses on arched entrance facade which also has a limestone frieze.  |  |                              |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)<br>See sketch plan   |  |                              |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES<br>Alterations to original wing: belfry removed and jerkin-headed dormers replaced with shed dormers. Additions: 2-story, brick neoclassical wing added at southeast elevation c. 1900-1915. A small 2-story, brick addition closed in the north side of the original wing c. 1935.   |  |                              |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE<br>Deteriorated, vacant  |  |                              |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE   |  |                              |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)<br>National Register of Historic Places nomination form<br>New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  |  |                              |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION<br>Jerome J. Harcar, N.J. Department of Transportation   |  | DATE<br>4/14/83              |

